

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A package of print media, comprising:  
at least one sheet of print media for imaging thereon, enclosed within a protective packaging; and  
an optically readable [[a]] machine readable medium accompanying said print media and packaging and including machine readable characteristics of said print media, the optically readable machine readable medium separable from both the print media and packaging.
2. (Original) A package according to claim 1, wherein said machine readable medium includes characteristics of said print media which are of use in configuring an imaging device based on said characteristics to form an image on the at least one sheet of print media.
3. (Original) A package according to claim 1, wherein said machine readable medium is disposed between said print media and said protective packaging during transport.
- 4-6. (cancelled)
7. (currently amended) A package according to claim 1 [[6]], wherein said optically readable medium comprises a card bearing contrasting markings.
8. (Original) A package according to claim 7, wherein said contrasting markings comprise one of bar and circle codes.
9. (Original) A package according to claim 1, wherein said machine readable medium includes a human-readable portion bearing information relating to at least one characteristic of said print media.

10. (Original) A package according to claim 1, wherein said at least one sheet comprises a plurality of sheets of a given type of media.

11-21. Cancelled

22. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 1, wherein the at least one sheet of print media is removable from the package upon opening of the protective packaging enclosing the at least one sheet.

23. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 1, wherein the protective packaging encloses the machine readable medium during transport of the package.

24. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 1, wherein the protective packaging comprises an envelope.

25. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 1, wherein the at least one sheet of print media is separate from the packaging and the machine readable medium during the printing operation.

26. (currently amended) A package of print media, comprising:  
a plurality of sheets of print media for imaging thereon,  
a protective packaging enclosing said plurality of sheets of print media; and  
a machine readable medium accompanying said print media and packaging during transport, and including machine readable characteristics of said print media, the machine readable medium detachably coupled to at least one of the sheets and the packaging, and separable from both the print media and packaging so as to be used at a location physically remote from the print media and packaging.

27. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 26, wherein the plurality of sheets of print media are removable from the package upon opening of the protective packaging enclosing the plurality of sheets.

28. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 26, wherein the protective packaging comprises an envelope.

29. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 26, wherein the plurality of sheets of print media are separate from the packaging and the machine readable medium during the printing operation.

30. (new) A package of print media, comprising:  
a plurality of sheets of print media for imaging thereon,  
a protective packaging enclosing said plurality of sheets of print media; and  
a machine readable medium accompanying said print media and packaging during transport, and including machine readable characteristics of said print media, the machine readable medium separable from both the print media and packaging so as to be used at a location physically remote from the print media and packaging, the machine readable medium being inserted in a carrier associated with the packaging or media and removable from the carrier when the package is opened.